Data Visualization

with Stata

Cheat Sheet

For more info, see Stata's reference manual (stata.com)

ONE VARIABLE

sysuse auto, clear

BASIC PLOT SYNTAX:

graph <plot type> y, y, ... y, x [in] [if], <plot options> by(var) xline(xint) yline(yint) text(y x "annotation")

title("title") subtitle("subtitle") xtitle("x-axis title") ytitle("y axis title") xscale(range(low high) log reverse off noline) yscale(<options>)

<marker, line, text, axis, legend, background options> scheme(s1mono) play(customTheme) xsize(5) ysize(4) saving("myPlot.gph", replace)

Continuous

<u>histogram mpg, width(5) freq kdensity kdenopts(bwidth(5))</u> histogram

bin(#) • width(#) • density • fraction • frequency • percent • addlabels addlabopts(<options>) • normal • normopts(<options>) • kdensity



kdensity mpg, bwidth(3) smoothed histogram

bwidth • kernel(<options> normal • normopts(<line options>) see help for complete set

main plot-specific options;



graph bar (count), over(foreign, gap(*0.5)) intensity(*0.5) bar plot graph hbar draws horizontal bar charts

(asis) • (percent) • (count) • over(<variable>, <options: gap(*#) • relabel • <u>des</u>cending • <u>rev</u>erse>) • cw • <u>missing</u> • nofill • <u>all</u>(ategories • <u>per</u>centages • stack • bargap(#) • <u>intensity(*#)</u> • <u>valternate</u> • <u>xalternate</u>



graph bar (percent), over(rep78) over(foreign) grouped bar plot <u>gr</u>aph hbar .

(asis) • (percent) • (count) • over(<variable>, <options: gap(*#) • relabel • descending • reverse>) • cw • missing • nofill • allcategories • percentages • stack • bargap(#) • intensity(*#) • valternate • xalternate

DISCRETE X, CONTINUOUS Y



<u>graph bar (median) price, over(foreign)</u>

bar plot (asis) • (percent) • (count) • (stat: mean median sum min max ...) over(<variable>, <options: gap(*#) • relabel • descending • reverse sort(<variable>)>) • cw • missing • nofill • allcategories • percentages stack • bargap(#) • intensity(*#) • yalternate • xalternate



graph dot (mean**)** length headroom, **over(**foreign) **m(**1, ms(S)) dot plot (asis) • (percent) • (count) • (stat: mean median sum min max ...)

over(<variable>, <options: gap(*#) • relabel • descending • reverse



graph hbox mpg, over(rep78, descending) by(foreign) missing graph box draws vertical boxplots box plot

over(<variable>, <options: total • gap(*#) • relabel • descending • reverse over(variable>)>) • missing • allcategories • intensity(*#) • boxgap(#)
medtype(line | line | marker) • medline(<options>) • medmarker(<options>)



vioplot price, over(foreign)

violin plot over(<variable>, <options: total • missing>) • nofill • vertical • horizontal • obs • kernel(<options>) • bwidth(#) • barwidth(#) • dscale(#) • ygap(#) • ogap(#) • density(<options>)
bar(<options>) • median(<options>) • obsopts(<options>)

Plot placement

JUXTAPOSE (FACET)



twoway scatter mpg price, by(foreign, norescale) total • missing • colfirst • rows(#) • cols(#) • holes(<numlist>)
compact • [no]edgelabel • [no]rescale • [no]yrescal • [no]xrescale
[no]iyaxes • [no]ixaxes • [no]ixtick • [no]ixtick • [no]iytitle • [no]ixtitle •

Superimpose



graph combine plot1.gph plot2.gph...

combine two or more saved graphs into a single plot

scatter y3 y2 y1 x, msymbol(i o i) mlabel(var3 var2 var1) plot several y values for a single x value

graph twoway scatter mpg price in 27/74 || scatter mpg price /* */ if mpg < 15 & price > 12000 in 27/74, mlabel(make) m(i)

combine twoway plots using ||

TWO+ CONTINUOUS VARIABLES



graph matrix mpg price weight, half scatterplot of each combination of variables

half • jitter(#) • jitterseed(#) diagonal • [aweights(<variable>)]



twoway scatter mpg weight, jitter(7) scatterplot

jitter(#) • jitterseed(#) • sort • <u>cmis</u>sing(<u>y</u>es | <u>n</u>o) connect(<options>) • [aweight(<variable>)]



twoway scatter mpg weight, mlabel(mpg) scatterplot with labelled values

jitter(#) • jitterseed(#) • sort • <u>cmis</u>sing(<u>y</u>es | <u>no</u>) connect(<options>) • [aweight(<variable>)]



twoway connected mpg price, sort(price) scatterplot with connected lines and symbols jitter(#) • jitterseed(#) • sort see also line

connect(<options>) • cmissing(ves | no)



twoway area mpg price, sort(price) line plot with area shading

sort • cmissing(yes | no) • vertical, • horizontal base(#)



twoway bar price rep78

bar plot

vertical, • horizontal • base(#) • barwidth(#)



twoway dot mpg rep78

dot plot vertical, • horizontal • base(#) • ndots(#) dcolor(<color>) • dfcolor(<color>) • dlcolor(<color>) dsize(<markersize>) • dsymbol(<marker type>) <u>dlwidth(<strokesize>) • dotextend(yes | no)</u>



twoway dropline mpg price in 1/5

dropped line plot

vertical, • horizontal • base(#)



twoway rcapsym length headroom price range plot $(y_1 \div y_2)$ with capped lines see also rcap

vertical • horizontal



twoway rarea length headroom price, sort range plot $(y_1 \div y_2)$ with area shading

vertical • horizontal • sort <u>cmis</u>sing(yes | no)



twoway rbar length headroom price range plot $(y_1 \div y_2)$ with bars

<u>vertical</u> • <u>horizontal</u> • <u>barw</u>idth(#) • <u>mw</u>idth <u>msize</u>(<marker size>)



twoway pcspike wage68 ttl_exp68 wage88 ttl_exp88 Parallel coordinates plot (sysuse nlswide1)

vertical, • horizontal

twoway pccapsym wage68 ttl_exp68 wage88 ttl_exp88 Slope/bump plot (sysuse nlswide1) vertical • horizontal • headlabel

THREE VARIABLES



<u>tw</u>oway contour mpg price weight, <u>lev</u>el(20) <u>crule(int</u>ensity) 3D contour plot

ccuts(#s) • levels(#) • minmax • crule(hue | chue | intensity | linear) • scolor(<color>) • ecolor (<color>) • ccolors(<colorlist>) • heatmap interp(thinplatespline | shepard | none)



<u>regress</u> price mpg trunk weight length turn, nocons matrix regmat = e(V)

plotmatrix, mat(regmat) color(green)

mat(<variable) • split(<options>) • color(<color>) • freq

Summary plots



twoway mband mpg weight || scatter mpg weight plot median of the v values

bands(#)



binscatter weight mpg, <u>line</u>(none) plot a single value (mean or median) for each x value

medians • nquantiles(#) • discrete • controls(<variables>) • <u>line</u>type(lfit | qfit | connect | none) • <u>aw</u>eight[<variable>]

Fitting results



twoway Ifitci mpg weight || scatter mpg weight

calculate and plot linear fit to data with confidence intervals level(#) • stdp • stdf • nofit • fitplot(<plottype>) • ciplot(<plottype>) • range(# #) • n(#) • atobs • estopts(<options>) • predopts(<options>)

twoway lowess mpg weight || scatter mpg weight calculate and plot lowess smoothing

<u>bw</u>idth(#) • <u>mean • now</u>eight • <u>log</u>it • <u>a</u>djust



twoway qfitci mpg weight, alwidth(none) || scatter mpg weight calculate and plot quadriatic fit to data with confidence intervals

level(#) • stdp • stdf • nofit • fitplot(<plottype>) • ciplot(<plottype>) • range(# #) • n(#) • atobs • estopts(<options>) • predopts(<options>)

Regression results



regress price mpg headroom trunk length turn coefplot, drop(_cons) xline(0)

Plot rearession coefficients

baselevels • b(<options>) • at(<options>) • noci • levels(#) keep(<variables>) • drop(<variables>) • rename(<list>) horizontal • vertical • generate(<variable>)



margins, eyex(weight) at(weight = (1800(200)4800)) marginsplot, noci

Plot marginal effects of regression

regress mpg weight length turn

horizontal • noci

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